

PATENT Customer No. 60,668 Attorney Docket No. 08020.0002-00000 SAP Reference No. 2003P00153 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Luca MASSASSO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2175
Application No.: 10/645,525) Examiner: Nunez, Jordany
Filed: August 22, 2003))
For: FRAMEWORK FOR CREATING USER INTERFACES FOR WEB APPLICATION PROGRAMS) Confirmation No.: 8119))

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance and the Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed on December 28, 2009. Without withdrawing the allowed claims from issue, Applicant submits these comments for the record.

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner made characterizations and assertions about the allowed claims and the art of record.

Although Applicant agrees with the Examiner's ultimate conclusions that the claims are patentable, Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's statement and the characterizations and assertions therein.

Specifically, the Notice of Allowance alleges that a previously cited reference discloses features of the claims and states that the reference "does not teach:

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establishing a relationship between properties of the GUI components, business data and one or more backend data systems, wherein GUI components are assigned to a specialized class and a non-specialized class and, wherein establishing the relationship by the first set of transactions includes generating the specialized class of GUI components; wherein the inheriting causes at least one object of a GUI component assigned to a specialized class inherited from the super class to have the property of the super class, and wherein GUI components assigned to the non-specialized class do not inherit properties of the superclass." Notice of Allowance p. 4. While Applicant agrees that none of the references of record disclose or suggest the elements of the claims, Applicant submits that the claims are allowable not just for the reasons identified by the Office Action. Applicant submits that the independent claims are allowable at least because they recite a unique combination of patentable features. The dependent claims are also allowable not only due to their dependence on the independent claims but also because they recite further unique combinations of patentable features.

Furthermore, the Notice of Allowance purports to describe features of the claims that are allegedly disclosed by the cited reference, while recognizing that the disclosure of the reference does not disclose or suggest other features of the claims. <u>See</u> Notice of Allowance p. 3-4. Applicant does not necessarily agree with the description of the disclosure of the reference in the Notice of Allowance, as applied to the claims.

Applicant reserves the right to dispute the purported teachings of the cited reference as the teachings are applied to the claims in any future claim construction proceedings or any other type of proceedings involving the allowed claims.

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Should the Examiner disagree with Applicant's comments on the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve such disagreement.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of these Comments, please charge the fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 2, 2010

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